

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle City Hall Room 370

Commissioners Present Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Laura Gramer, Grace Oludiji, Jonathan Porter, Deborah Witmer

Commissioners Absent Paloma Reza, Mike Barta, Patricia Copeland, Hope Drummond, Steve Ferreira, Vickie Foster

Guests Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Cheri Perazzoli, Lauren Ann Keeney

SOCR Staff Present Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order 4:30 by Jonathan and Laura

Public Comment Lauren Ann Keeney stated that caregivers need assistance with the cost of parking when they provide care to individuals with disabilities.

Approval of Minutes September 2012 approved as read

SOCR Report Michael Chin encouraged commissioners to provide feedback on paid sick and safe leave, particularly on needed clarification, outreach, and resources.

Guest Speakers Cheri Perazzoli, [Let's Loop Seattle](#)
Cheri demonstrated the value of hearing loops in public places. Hearing loops transmit sound directly to hearing aids, which results in clearer sound and less background noise. Loops help people participate in public events and alleviate the stigma associated with hearing loss. Councilmember Rasmussen expressed interest in having hearing loops installed in Council Chambers and conference rooms. The executive committee will draft a letter encouraging City Council to install loops in City Hall.

Committee Reports

Executive: Jonathan attended the Access Transportation meeting; focus was on the new bus ramps; October 31 deadline to submit questions regarding the advisory standards. Laura served on a panel at the Airport Conference. Safe Communities meetings, which are part of the SPD 20/20 plan, did not provide enough notice for people with disabilities to request an accommodation.

Education: Meets 2nd Wednesday 6 p.m. Charlie's on Bwy The shelter exercise will be debriefed next week. Deborah has a meeting scheduled with Grant Tietje, Emergency Operations Center.

Outreach: Sounders Goalball event at Cleveland H.S. 10/25/12, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Picnic was well received, thanks to Metro for bus service, thanks to Mark for karaoke.

Issues: Meets 2nd Friday, noon at SOCR Housing forum was well attended with good energy. Committee to draft report on forum.

Nominating: Felicia to send applications to committee

New Business:

Mayor McGinn has initiated the [Career Bridge project](#).

MOTION: Mark Adreon to meet with the Mayor's Office to urge inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the definition of people facing employment barriers. **ACTION: PASSED**

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.